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AUTOMATICALLY UNROLLING AND
CUTTING STRETCH FILM

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Applicants submits herewith information which they believe may be material to examination of this Application, in respect of which there may be a duty to disclose in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97.

While this Information Disclosure Statement may be material pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, it is not intended to constitute an admission that the information referred to therein is "prior art" to Applicants' invention unless designated as such.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97, the filing of this Statement shall not be construed to be an admission that the information attached to this Statement is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56.

By this submission, Applicants also do not represent that a search has been made nor that better art does not exist.

In addition, Applicants reserve the right to contend, as appropriate, that any information asserted against any claim(s) of the captioned Application is not "prior art" according to the facts and the law.

Applicants further reserve the right to present appropriate arguments and/or evidence to establish patentability over such information, should any citation listed below be applied against any claim(s) of the captioned Application.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner, after considering the information set forth below, independently determine those citations which the Examiner would consider to be the most pertinent.

Copies of the following citations are submitted along with PTO Form-1449.

Rossi, U.S. Patent No. 6,164,047, issued December 26, 2000: relates to a method and device for cutting film used to wrap groups of products.

Benhamou et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,452,566, issued September 26, 1995: is directed to a device for handling and maintenance of the free end of a film in a wrapping machine.

Lancaster et al., U.S. Patent No. 4,204,377, issued May 27, 1980: concerns a process and apparatus for wrapping netting material around a load.

Cook, GB 832,247, dated April 6, 1960: discloses improvements in web-severing mechanisms.

Marois et al., WO 02/083501 A1, dated October 24, 2002: relates to an apparatus and method for handling and cutting a flexible material wrapped around a load.

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It is requested that the above be made of record in this Application.

Respectfully submitted,

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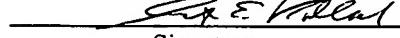
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